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SUBJECT: TURKEY PLANS TO AUGMENT AFGHAN PROVINCIAL  
RECONSTRUCTION TEAMS, BUT CONCERNED ABOUT WARLORDS

REF: A. STATE 144161

[1](#)B. ANKARA 3057

[1](#)C. STATE 106694

(U) Classified by Acting PM Counselor Harry Kamian, reasons  
1.5, b/d.

[1](#)1. (U) Kabul minimize considered.

[1](#)2. (C) Turkish MFA DG for Mideast Affairs Burcuoglu told  
Charge August 14 that Turkey had decided to augment either  
the UK Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Mazar-e-Sharif  
or the German one in Konduz. He said his office would be  
contacting TGS as well as the British and German embassies to  
begin planning for the Turkish contribution.

[1](#)3. (C) In addition, Burcuoglu expressed concern that Afghan  
Minister of Defense Fehim Han and forces loyal to him,  
including Ustat Ata, have been conducting a propaganda  
campaign against Gen. Dostum. The GOT is concerned that  
Fehim Han and "other warlords" are determined to get rid of  
Dostum because the latter is "clearly on the side of the Bonn  
Process" and has tried to stem the trafficking of arms from  
Pakistan. The GOT is concerned the campaign against Dostum  
could escalate to military clashes. The GOT was advising  
Dostum to avoid provocative action and hoped that the USG was  
applying similar pressure to rival warlords and supporting  
those figures dedicated to peace in Afghanistan.  
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